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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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METHOD FOR CONSOLIDATING AND SEALING A TUBE

the specification of which

is attached hereto OR was filed on **January 7, 2005** as United States Application Number **or PCT International Application Number PCT/EP2005/000088** and was amended on **(if applicable)**.

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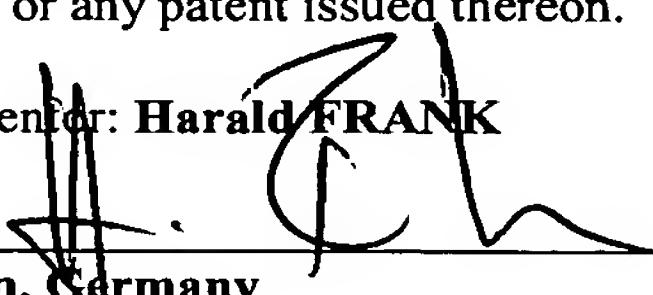
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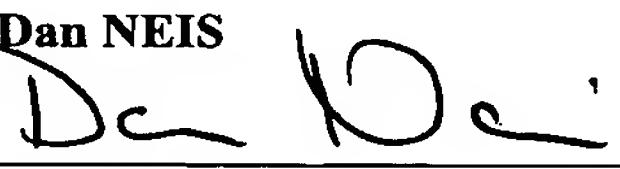
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